

--18. The method according to claim 17 wherein the antibody classes prepared in step (ii) are further subdivided into their immunoglobulin subclasses.--

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--19. The method according to claim 17 wherein antibodies from the antibody classes selected in step (iii) are subjected to enzymatic cleavage to separate F(c) and F(ab) antibody fragments and the F(ab) antibody fragments are used as the immunogen in step (iv) of the method.--

--20. The method according to claim 17, wherein the aetiological agent is HIV.--

--21. The method according to claim 20, wherein the specific antigen or group of antigens employed in step (iii) is selected from the group consisting of p18, p24, gp41, p55, gp120 and gp160.--

--22. The method according to claim 17 wherein spleen cells selected in step (iv) are harvested and fused to myeloma cells to produce a hybridoma cell line which is capable of producing an anti-paratopic antibody.--

--23. The method according to claim 22 wherein the antibodies produced are monoclonal antibodies.--

--24. The method according to claim 22 wherein the antibodies produced are polyclonal antibodies.--

--25. Purified non-human anti-paratopic antibodies produced according to the method of claim 17.--

--26. Purified non-human anti-paratopic antibodies produced according to the method of claim 20.--

--27. Purified non-human anti-paratopic antibodies produced according to the method of claim 21.--

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--28. The method according to claim 17, wherein the antibody classes of step (ii) are further subdivided into subclasses prior to performing step (iii) and wherein in step (iii) one or more subclasses are selected.--

--29. The method according to claim 28 wherein each subclass of antibody exhibits a level of immunological activity and wherein in step (iii) the selected subclass is that one with the highest level of immunological activity of the subclasses present.--

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--30. The method according to claim 17 wherein each class of antibody exhibits a level of immunological activity and in step (iii) the selected class is that one with the highest level of immunological activity of the classes present.--
